SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of the Steel Authority of India Limited recently visited several middle east countries; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit of the SAIL team lead by its Additional Director, Export Division took place in July-August, 1991. The team made an assessment of market condition, studied the prospects of business in the area, and the status of competition etc. and have recommended the establishment of warehousing facilities and/or consignment-cum-selling agency at Dubai to promote SAIL's exports in the countries of the region.

Passports Missing from R.P.O. Chandigarh

5075. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some passports are missing from the Regional passport Office, Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such incidents during each of the last three years alongwith the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Since 1989, 34 passports from RPO Chandigarh have been found to be missing. These were submitted to that office for renewal/Misc. services and later on it was noticed that these were not traceable. Loss of these 34 passports were noticed on different occasions (13.4.89, 30.7.91 and 7.8.91). Details are given in the enclosed statement.

(d) In all the above cases, FIRs with the local police have been lodged for investigation, the results of which are still awaited. Existing instructions have once again been reiterated to all passport Offices for the safe custody of passports. Passport Officers have been advised to lodge FIRS with police when passports are not traceable in offices in future.

STATEMENT

Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh

Sl. No.	*Name of applicant*	*File No.*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Tarawati Singala	RE/1674/89
2.	Raminder Kaur Randhawa	RE/3884/89

Sl. No.	*Name of applicant*	*File No.*
1	*2*	*3*
3.	Daljit Kaur	RE/4038/89
4.	Karan Singh Dalal	RE/4375/89
5.	Santosh Kapoor	RE/5687/89
6.	Dharampal Kapoor	RE/5686/89
7.	Darshan Singh	RE/6305/89
8.	Baljeet Kumar	RE/6562/89
9.	Anand Sarup Verma	RE/7403/89
10.	Usha Ram Bhagat	RE/10018/89
11.	Sushil Kumar	RE/10021/89
12.	Indu Mahajan	4294/89
13.	Madan Mohan Kapila	17132/91
14.	Rekha Kapila	17133/91
15.	Krishan Kaur	15415/91
16.	Jatinder Kaur	
17.	Swarup Chand Gupta	12048/91
18.	Jaya Gupta	16359/91
19.	Rameshwar Kumar Vij	PCC-729/91
20.	Shalu Oswal	16101/91
21.	Reghubir Charanjit Kaur	15532/91
22.	Mohan Singh Brar	11557/91
23.	Harjot Kaur Sidhu	7905/91
24.	Adarsh Dutta	8483/91

Sl. No.	*Name of applicant*	*File No.*
1	*2*	*3*
25.	Kundan Singh Sohal	14514/91
26.	Balbir Kaur	RE/5780/91
27.	Krishan Dutt Kalia	RE/6785/91
28.	Manmohan Singh	RE/7814/91
29.	Kartar Singh	RE10341/91
30.	Niranjan Singh	RE16645/91
31.	Reet Bath	RE/14839/91
32.	Tej Partap Singh	RE14840/91
33.	Gopal Krishan Rishi	PCC-553/91
34.	Gurdial Kaur	B-18017

(a) Passports at S. No. 1 to 11 — on 6.6.89, CBI was requested to investigate the matter.

(b) passports at S. No. 12 to 25 — FIR lodged with the police on 30.7.91

(c) passports at S. No. 26 to 34 — FIR lodged with the police on 7.8.91.

[Translation]

Central Assistance for Creation of Irrigation Potential in Madhya Pradesh

5076. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of Central assistance proposed to be given to Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92 for increasing the percentage of irrigated land?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): Central assistance is given to the states in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any particular sector of development or project. The Working Group of Planning Commission has recommended an outlay of Rs. 523.74 crores to Madhya Pradesh for irrigation sector during 1991-92. Besides, special central assistance under the command area development programme and for minor irrigation scheme will be provided on the performance shown by the State Government.

Implementation of the Fourth Pay Commission Recommendation in C.R.P.F.

5077. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: